

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00592-TJK**

PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. v. DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE

Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/16/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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03/16/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5377623) filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Summons to Department of State, # <u>4</u> Summons to Attorney General, # <u>5</u> Summons to U.S. Attorney for D.C., # <u>6</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 03/16/2018)
03/16/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (zsth) (Entered: 03/19/2018)
03/19/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. (Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 03/19/2018)
03/19/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsth) (Entered: 03/19/2018)
04/09/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/5/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/5/2018. (Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 04/09/2018)
04/09/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 04/03/2018. (Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 04/09/2018)
04/09/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/3/2018 (Berwick, Benjamin) (Entered: 04/09/2018)
04/24/2018	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Claire M. Whitaker on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Whitaker, Claire) (Entered: 04/24/2018)
05/04/2018	<u>8</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Whitaker, Claire) (Entered: 05/04/2018)
05/07/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>8</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall file its response to Plaintiff's complaint by June 6, 2018. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 5/7/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 05/07/2018)
06/06/2018	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Johnny Hillary Walker, III on behalf of All Defendants (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 06/06/2018)
06/06/2018	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 06/06/2018)
06/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by June 29, 2018. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 6/6/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 06/06/2018)
06/29/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
07/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon review of the <u>11</u> Joint Status Report filed by the parties, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by July 31, 2018. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 7/2/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/31/2018. (kh) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/31/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 07/31/2018)
08/01/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon review of the <u>12</u> Joint Status Report filed by the parties, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by September 13, 2018. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/1/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 08/01/2018)

09/13/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/17/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon review of the <u>13</u> Joint Status Report filed by the parties, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by October 12, 2018. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 9/17/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 09/17/2018)
10/12/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 10/12/2018)
10/12/2018		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by November 13, 2018. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 10/12/2018. (lctjk1) (Entered: 10/12/2018)
11/13/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by February 11, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 11/18/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 11/18/2018)
01/28/2019	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Cameron Oatman Kistler on behalf of PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. (Kistler, Cameron) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by May 13, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 2/8/2019. (lctjk3) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
05/11/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 05/11/2019)
05/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by August 5, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 5/14/2019. (lctjk3) (Entered: 05/14/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by September 5, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/5/2019. (lctjk3) (Entered: 08/05/2019)
09/05/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by December 20, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 9/5/2019. (lctjk3) (Entered: 09/05/2019)